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**GENERAL:** Above normal temperatures and limited accumulated snowfall during December allowed excellent utilization of stalk fields by cattle, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Other producer activities included preparing for taxes, fall fieldwork, and livestock care.

This release is based on reports and data from county extension educators, FSA county directors, NOAA, and the High Plains Climate Center.

**WEATHER:** Temperatures averaged from 6 to 14 degrees above normals for the first three weeks of December. The last week averaged near normal to 4 degrees below normal. Precipitation was light and fell as snow.

**CROPS: Wheat** condition rated 1% very poor, 4 poor, 29 fair, 60 good, and 6 excellent.

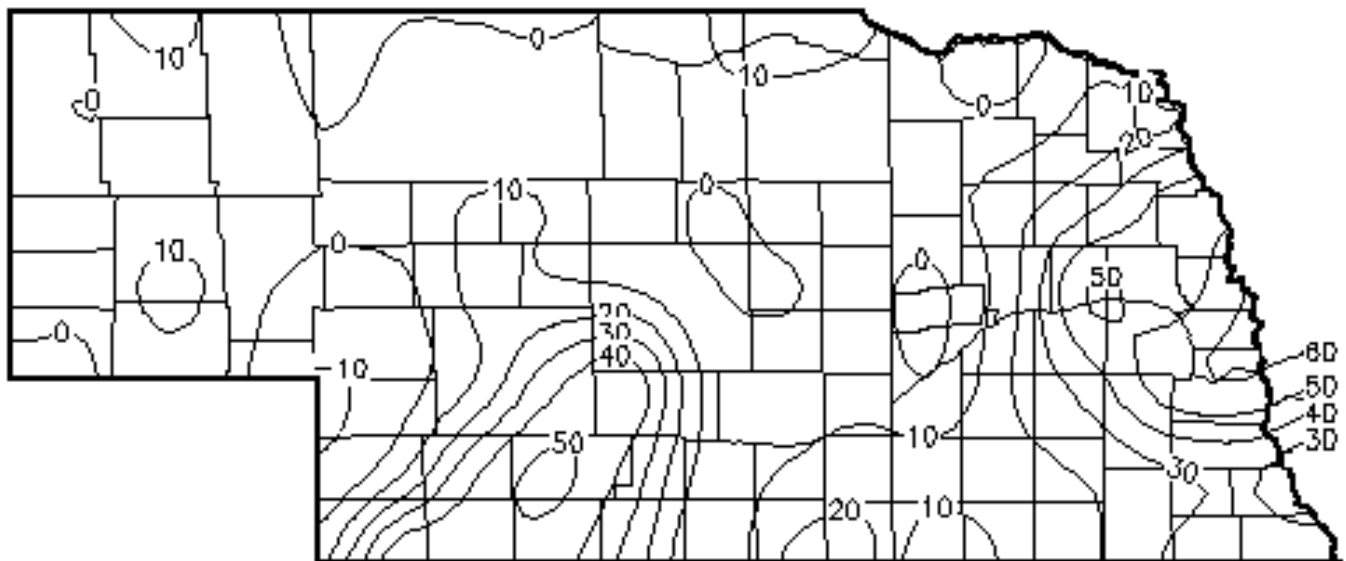
**Hay** and forage supplies were mostly adequate statewide. The mild fall weather has allowed producers to limit the feeding of hay supplies.

**LIVESTOCK:** Cattle and calves condition rated 15% fair, 70 good, and 15 excellent. Some supplemental feeding has occurred, but in most cases cattle have been able to utilize stalk fields. As temperatures dropped to near normal levels the last week of December, some livestock were stressed.

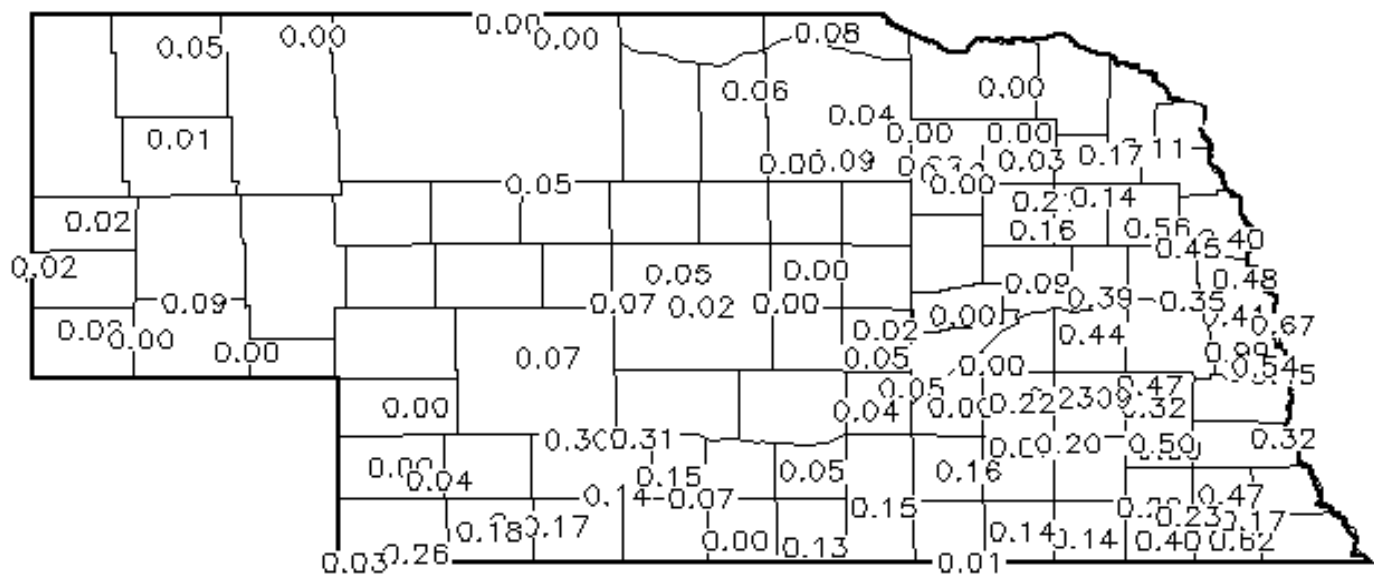
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**PRECIPITATION AS PERCENT OF NORMAL FOR DECEMBER 2001**



**PRECIPITATION IN INCHES FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 2001**

Source: High Plains Climate Center